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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VENDING  
PRODUCTS

**Applicants:** Walker et al.

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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**  
**to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005 (Paper No. / Mail Date 20050730), please consider the following remarks.